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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--FALL OF SAIGON DOMINATED MEDIA COVERAGE WITH HEAVY EDITORIAL COMMENT URGING CLEAR-CUT NEW U.S. POLICY TOWARDS COMMUNISTS. KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (220,000) REFLECTED GENERAL TONE THIS COMMENT, URGING U.S. REAFFIRM DETERMINATION FOR NO MORE RETREATS, ARTICULATE U.S. COMMITMENTS AND TAKE CONCRETE ACTION BACK UP TREATY OBLIGATIONS. IN TURN, MAJOR PAPERS URGED ASIAN NATIONS MAINTAIN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH U.S. TO RESTORE STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE OF ANTICOMMUNIST CAMP DESPITE INDOCHINA SETBACKS. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS CONCLUDED: "VIETNAM IS THE TRAGIC EXCEPTION TO PROVE THE RULE THAT ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY DEPENDS ON THE UNITED STATES." (FOR DETAILS SEE TAIPEI'S REACTION REPORTS 2292 OF APRIL 29, 2327 OF APRIL 30 AND 2350.

--PROLIFERATING POWER OF A RUMOR GRAPHICALLY EMPHASIZED WHEN UNCLASSIFIED

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USIS TAIPEI, EMBASSY, BRANCH POSTS AND VARIOUS MEDIA OFFICES BEGAN RECEIVING COUNLESS CALLS SHORTLY AFTER NOON APRIL 29 ASKING ABOUT REPORTS PRESIDENT FORD HAD BEEN SHOT. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (280,000) AND UNITED DAILY NEWS (320,000) ONLY

PAPERS TO CARRY REPORT OF RUMOR, NOTING THAT ONE PLACE MOST PREVALENT WAS TAIPEI STOCK EXCHANGE. TIMES DID NOT MENTION ASSASSINATION, NOTING ONLY IT WAS "RUMOR CONCERNING PRESIDENT FORD." SOME READERS, NOT AWARE OF ASSASSINATION RUMOR, TOOK TIMES STORY TO MEAN IT CONCERNED PROJECTED PEKING TRIP AND OUT-COME NEGATIVE TO ROC. NEWS NOTED RUMOR WAS ABOUT FORD'S "PERSONAL SAFETY" AND EXPRESSED HOPE SECURITY AGENCIES WILL PIN DOWN SOURCE.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--INDEPENDENCE EVENING POST CARRIED USIS TAIPEI'S APRIL 22 "WASHINGTON ECONOMIC NEWSLETTER" WHICH POST EXPANDED FROM IPS WIRELESS FILE ITEM EPF-44 OF APRIL 22 AND DISTRIBUTED TO MEDIA AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC CIRCLES.

--STUDENT REVIEW RECEIVED PRAISE FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL INTERCOLLEGIATE UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL CENTER--RESIDENT AMERICAN WHO IS INFLUENTIAL IN ENGLISH TEACHING HERE. HE PRAISED PROFESSIONAL LAYOUT AND INTERESTING CONTENT OF MAGAZINE, ASKED FOR BACK ISSUES TO COMPLETE LIBRARY SET, AND URGED FULL PAGE SR COLOR ADVERTISEMENTS AS BEST WAY PROMOTE POST-SUPPORTED STUDY GUIDES IN AMERICAN LITERATURE.

--RSC MANILA WINS SERVICING KUDOS AGAIN WITH REPRINT 5,000 COPIES BILINGUAL "LIVING DOCUMENTS AMERICAN HISTORY," BASIC IPS PAMPHLET. ORIGINAL 2,000 ORDER SOLD OUT IN TWO MONTHS. POST PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTOR ALERTED US TO FACT PAMPHLET BEING USED BY SEVEN UNIVERSITIES, FOUR IN TAIPEI AND ONE EACH IN HSINCHU, TAICHUNG, TAINAN. POST ASKED FOR PRIORITY PRINTING AND HANDLING BY MAY 8; ORDER RECEIVED FROM RSC APRIL 28 AND PUT ON SALE IMMEDIATELY.

--IN SECOND LECTURE OF POPULAR SERIES ON PREPARING FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN U.S., LOCAL FULBRIGHT FOUNDATION STUDENT ADVISOR DOUG PAYNE ADDRESSED LARGE STUDENT AUDIENCES ON UNCLASSIFIED

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HOW TO CHOOSE U.S. GRADUATE SCHOOL AT LINCOLN CENTER APRIL 25 AND 29. LECTURE WAS REPEATED TO ACCOMMODATE HEAVY TURNOUTS WHICH TOTALLED 450 FOR BOTH EVENINGS. BY PROVIDING DETAILED INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING U.S. UNIVERSITIES, PROBLEMS FOREIGN STUDENTS ENCOUNTER IN U.S., AND LIMITATIONS OF FOREIGN STUDY, LECTURE SERIES AIMS AT COUNTERING UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS AMONG CHINESE STUDENTS WHO HOPE STUDY IN U.S. PLUS HELP THOSE WHO QUALIFIED COPE WITH APPLICATION RED TAPE.

--UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROFESSOR GUNTER DUFEEY ADDRESSED A HIGH LEVEL AUDIENCE OF OVER 40 LEADING ECONOMISTS, BANKERS, BUSINESSMEN AND LAWYERS

CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS IN SEMINAR
"MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISKS IN INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONS" COSPONSORED BY LEADING ECONOMIC DAILY NEWS
APRIL 28. SEMINAR AND DUFY'S REMARKS PROMINENTLY
CARRIED IN ECONOMIC DAILY NEWS APRIL 29 AND 30 EDITIONS.
DUFY ALSO ADDRESSED ECONOMICS FACULTY-STUDENT AUDIENCEIT
NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY ON "INFLATION, PETRODOLLARS
AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM" APRIL 29. DUFY VERY
KNOWLEDGEABLE ANALYST OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCENE AND
AT BOTH PROGRAMS STIMULATED MOST PENETRATING QUESTIONS
AND DISCUSSION OKMANY ECONOMIST PROGRAMMED BY USIS IN
PAST YEAR.
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